13. Implement agreement of 11th September, 1997 and grant pay scale of Rs. 5000—8000 to the Master Craftsman of the Defence Establishment.

14. Count Casual Labour (granted temporary status) service in full for all purposes, including pension and other retirement benefits.

15. Create additional posts for the maintenance of new assets created and new services introduced without imposing any restrictions.

16. Scrap report of the Running Allowances Committee-2002.

17. Review HOER, reduce duty hours of the Runing staff and other Safety categories staff in the Railways.

18. Grant Cadre Restructuring and upgradation of left out categories in the Railways.

19. Remove discrimination-amongst the Central Government employees working in the N.E. region by granting Special Duty Allowance to all Group 'C & 'D' employees.

20. Improve Career opportunities of the Group 'D' employees in the Railways.

Open premium system in insurance sector

† 225. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that insurance sector is moving in the direction of open premium system but due to shortage of statisticians working for insurance companies this work is not being done rapidly; and

(b) if so, the aid Government are considering to provide to insurance companies in order to cope with the shortage of statisticians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir. However, it is a fact that Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) has circulated

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a roadmap to all non-life insurance companies on 23rd September, 2005 providing a time schedule for logistic preparedness of the insurance companies for shifting to tariff-free regime *w.e.f.* 31st December, 2006.

(b) Does not arise.

Meeting of Davos Economic Forum

† 226. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Ministries which represented in the meeting of Davos Economic Forum on 24—29 January, 2006;

(b) the issues on which the country has proposed to pay special attention in the said meeting; and

(c) the details of success achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) A delegation led by Finance Minister and consisting of the Commerce & Industry Minister and Dy.Chairman Planning Commission represented the Government of India at the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Fourm (WEF) held at Davos from 24th to 29th January, 2006.

(b) and (c) In the annual event of WEF at Davos leaders from the Governments and the business world meet and exchange ideas. Such meetings focus on reforms in countries; macro economic issues; and projected strategies for improving economic well-beJng. During the course of various discussions at Davos, the achievements and potential of India was showcased to a global audience. This year there was focus on India and the development of the Indian economy. Attractiveness of India as an investment destination and opportunities for doing business with India in various Sectors were dicussed. The meeting served to create a strong interest in India. A campaign "India Everywhere" was also organized at WEF by the Government of India and the Indian Industry. The campaign was designed to enhance global recognition for India.

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